

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 7 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, Figures 16 and 16a have been added to show the features of claims 2 and 7. Specifically, the new Figures show the means of claim 2 which interacts with the guide rails on an inner and/or outer surface thereof. In addition, the new drawings show an embodiment of the invention in which the rollers are formed by ball bearings.

Also, submitted herewith are replacement sheets showing Figures 13 and 14 which have been labeled as separate views 13 and 13a, and 14 and 14a.

With respect to the objection to the disclosure, the Examiner will note that the application has been amended to remove references to particular claims.

With respect to the objections to the claims, the claims have been amended to eliminate the inconsistent use of the "guide rails" and to replace the expression "cross section" with "surface". Also, the extraneous comma in claim 3 has been removed.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, are respectfully requested.

It is submitted that the claims as amended overcome the problems pointed out by the Examiner.

Specifically, the specification and drawing have been amended to set forth the third possible embodiment referred to by the Examiner. Also, the phrase ``preferably'' has been removed from claim 1. Claim 1 has been further amended to replace ``profile'' with ``section''. The term ``in each case'' has been deleted. Claim 2 has been amended to make it clear that the means of the worktop interact with the guide rails on an inner and/or outer surface. Claim 6 which depends from claim 4 now includes the terminology ``inner surface''. Claims 3, 5 and 6 have been amended to set forth the terminology pointed out by the Examiner in the last paragraph on page 4 of the office action. Finally, the claims have been amended to make it clear that the means recited in claim 4 refer to the means recited in claim 2. Claim 1 has been amended to refer to attachment means in order to distinguish over the means recited in claim 2.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims

under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bräuning are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended are patentably distinct over the reference relied on by the Examiner.

The present invention differs essentially from the reference because the reference does not show two cables which are hooked at the upper ends of the guide rails, respectively.

Accordingly, the word ``hooked'' has replaced the word ``attached'' in claim 1. Such a configuration is not disclosed or suggested by the reference.

No new matter has been added because the term ``hooked'' is clearly supported by the drawing as originally filed.

In addition, the present invention is also not rendered obvious by the prior art of record because none of the references shows two cables whose one end is connected to at least a motorized cable drum and whose other end is connected to the upper end of the guide rod, so that the references clearly do not suggest the present invention as claimed.

The present invention provides the advantage that a work table is made available with a simplified mechanism for vertically adjusting the work table. The table plate cannot be misaligned between the guide rods because two cables are provided.

In addition, the principal movement of the table plate is twice as fast as the mechanism illustrated in Fig. 2 of the Bräuning reference.

In addition, the work table according to the present invention can be easily assembled because the cables have to be merely hooked into the guide rods.

Moreover, applicant respectfully points out that those skilled in the art would not combine the Bräuning reference with one of the other references which disclose the use of two cables; this is because the Bräuning reference clearly teaches the advantages of a single-cable drive. For example, on page 4, lines 2--25, it is stated that the cable construction ensures a simultaneous movement in the carriages 4, 4' which can only be achieved when using one cable.

The reference mentions on page 5, lines 10-20, that only one crank arrangement is used; this is also an indication that only one

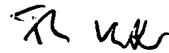
cable is being used.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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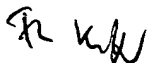
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